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The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Foreign Language Committee



FLC-003-87
10 March 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the DCI Foreign Language Committee (FLC)

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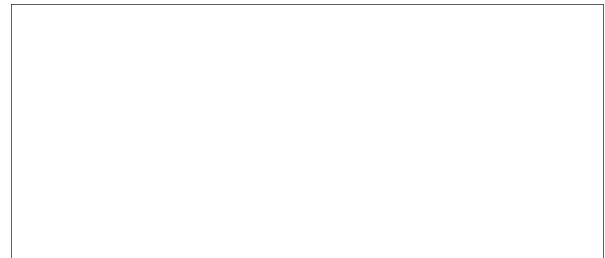
Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of the 12 February 1987 FLC Meeting

Attached you will find the draft minutes of the 12 February meeting of the FLC. Please provide any corrections and additions to the Executive Secretary at your earliest convenience.

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Draft Minutes of 12 February FLC Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman, [] at 1030 hours. For a list of those attending, please see Attachment. In her opening remarks, the Chairman said that there was no fixed agenda for the day's meeting. Rather, she hoped to utilize this opportunity to clarify the role of the Committee which, hitherto, had placed too much stress on training to the neglect of other issues such as career development and the creation and development of data bases. We must set yearly goals and create task forces to ensure that such goals are met. The Vice Chairman, [] added that we should ensure that there are adequate resources of money and manpower for language programs, both inside and outside the National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP). The Chairman replied that programmatics are only a part of the problem. We need to define more clearly our needs for resources, reference materials, etc.

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2. [] CIA/FBIS, supported the Chairman in this, saying that our defining standards for language skills is not sufficient. We require new up-to-date glossaries, dictionaries, and an increase in personnel. The Army's Foreign Scientific and Technical Center (FSTC) in Charlottesville, with only ten people in its language program, is woefully short of resources in both money and personnel. They are required to sub-contract their work with the result that they get "garbage in and garbage out". We must arrange to share resources. NSA has an excellent career enhancement program and produces excellent dictionaries but, unfortunately, most of these cannot be shared. Here the Chairman interjected to say that many of these dictionaries could indeed be shared and that the declassification problem is not insuperable.

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3. [] representing the US Air Force, proposed that one set Community standards for contractors dealing with language problems. DIA, for example, frequently uses the the contractors of the Foreign Resource Division of the Library of Congress. [] Chairman of the Language as a Career Working Group, added that at NSA applicants at the two level are required to take tests in grammar and the translation of newspaper and magazine articles and he supported [] proposal that one set Community standards for such tests. STAT
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4. The Chairman then stated that if one has an effective foreign language committee, there should be no difficulty in obtaining the necessary funds for the work of the Committee. Our first task should be to define our goals and objectives.

5. [] then commented that his working group is concerned with the problem of enhancing the overall career field for linguists. One must make this an attractive professional career by ensuring adequate training, rotation and suitable career opportunities. [] supported this by stating that one should have "good resources for good people for good career opportunities". STAT
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6. [] representing the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), said that "everybody wants something different from the committee" and that one should concentrate on the Working Groups and Sub-Committees. STAT

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LIST OF ATTENDEES
Foreign Language Committee
12 February 1987

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US ARMY:

FBI:

US NAVY:

CIA/FBIS:

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